## City Times NEWSLETTER



### Check out some of WHAT'S NEXT for us here at the City of Lawton:

- <u>Friends of the Library Book Sale</u> July 24-August 2, Central Mall
- Rain Harvest Event July 31, Elmer Thomas Park Holiday House
- Mayor Booker's State of the City Address August 24 regular City Council meeting, City Hall

## Be sure to stay up to date on the COL COVID-19 Response:

- As of 7/17/20, posting of signage and the wearing of face masks are required when indoors to help limit the spread of COVID-19. <u>Click here</u> to read the ordinance.
- A new directive for City employees concerning COVID-19 protocols and safety measures is expected to be forwarded to staff in the near future.







On June 10, the City of Lawton partnered with the Oklahoma Blood Institute to host an employee blood drive.

The blood drive took place from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, June 10 in the City Hall Banquet Room.

The City had 16 donors with four first time donors. Those who gave blood received from OBI a t-shirt and passes to either Frontier City, the Science Museum of Oklahoma or Safari Joe's H20.

Those who donated were also able to opt in for COVID-19 antibody testing.

Thank you to those who donated!



#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

On your Years of Service!

More than 50 City employees celebrate YOS anniversaries in August 2020. View them all by clicking here.



#### Welcome to our team!

**New City Hires** 

**DARIAN WADE**MPWTP

#### **TYLER JINKS**

Police Corrections

#### **CARLENE RAHMAN**

Police Corrections





Help our kids achieve their dreams. Do your part in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

#WearBecauseYouCare



Check out this PSA from a local health professional about wearing a face mask.

Featuring: Dr. Todd Bridges from Bridges & Buckner Dentistry

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#### **August Employee Birthdays:**

Daniel Hallagin Kyle Peterman Aaron Daughtery Joshua Dawson Jason Norwood Joshua White Dwavne Eckart Marvin Grant Jr. **Robert Howard** Candy Vasquez Juan Castaneda Patrick Jackson III Scott Kisner Brian Valdez Jacob Ferrero Amber Follett Hannah Brown Zacarias Diaz De Leon Fred Deborah Gere Kylie Ward Joshua Brown Tiffany Burgess Cody Gatliff Anthony Hall

Ashawn Smith Melissa Clements Nathan Cox Michael Kelley **David Adams** Jessica Carter James Peck Corey Bowen Angela Herbert Christine James Stanley Booker Therese Sullivan Wesley Phillips Aaron Pollard Linda Kenyon Roy McCarley Gerardo Vallejo Elijah Garcia Ashley Glaze-Lyle Kolton Jones Judy Franco Tyrin Green Loui Pohawpatchoko Richard Rogalski Abraham Woelfel Troy Durham William Hines Elizabeth Knighton **Andrew Pruitt** 

Braden Belflower Zachary Neighbors Charles Barnett Marcus Rucker William Sharpe Jillian Allison Colt Darnell Bryan Foster Richard Norwood Russell Matthesen Joved Serrano Justin Scaffinger Purnachandr Yalavarthy Ladonna Henderson Frankie Valdez Jonathan Hull Tereasa Neeley Darian Ward **Dustin Way** 

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#### **Check out the latest Meet the Team Tuesday Video!**

The July 2020 video features Troy Brandon, Stormwater Construction Inspector for the City's Stormwater Management Division.

Click here to read more.

Nominate employees for Meet the Team Tuesday by emailing tvrska@lawtonok.gov.

## **COL In the News**

Photos and images pulled from The Lawton Constitution & KSWO.

# GOO THINGS COME TO

"Sit! Stay! Read! Increases childhood literacy"

Read the story from KSWO about the Lawton
Public Library reading program.

#### COVID testing for city employees



Michael D. Pope/staff Spec. 4 Payton Freeman helps Lawton police officers complete the paperwork related to their testing for COVID-19.

#### Public Safety facility getting fresh asphalt



Michael D. Pope/staff

Workers pour fresh asphalt on a parking lot at the new Lawton Public Safety facility on Monday. The new facility, to open later this summer, will house Lawton Police Department, the city jail, municipal court and the firefighting crews of Central Fire Station.



#### "Open Streets Hits the Streets This Fall"

Read the story from KLAW 101 about Open
Streets Hits the Streets.

Click here for partner organization information.

#### COVID testing for City of Lawton employees



Michael D. Pope/staff

City of Lawton employees line up on the east side of Lawton City Hall Wednesday to participate in a COVID-19 testing clinic set up by the city and Comanche County Health Department. Initially designed to test all city-related employees, the clinic was expanded to the public. Additional picture 3A



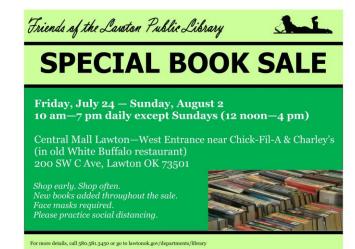
Michael D. Pope/staff

Ingrid Purnell, with the Comanche County Health Department, takes a nasal swap from Lawton firefighter Brandon Foss Wednesday, during a COVID-19 testing program for City of Lawton employees.



Michael D. Pope/staff

Tiffany Vrska, Community Reations Director for the City of Lawton, left, and Tammy Huffman, keep their distance as well as wear masks during work hours at City Hall.



"Friends of the Library Book Sale"

Check out the story from KSWO about the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

#### Employee Wellness Program

The Wellness Committee is promoting a "Get Moving" challenge. This challenge began July 13 and will last through August 23. The goal is to "move" at least 150 minutes per week.

For more information, contact Charlotte Brown, Wellness Committee Chair, at <a href="mailto:chbrown@lawtonok.gov">chbrown@lawtonok.gov</a> or Megan Loftis at <a href="mailto:mlostis@lawtonok.gov">mlostis@lawtonok.gov</a>.